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## comments:

The proposal to increase the price of Forever stamps to 55 cents is outrageous, discriminatory, and counterproductive.

It is outrageous because the proposed rate of increase far exceeds the rate of inflation and unfairly penalizes individual users (people) and small mailers who cannot use the presort rates afforded to large mailers.

It is discriminatory because the proposed rate of increase for Forever stamps far exceeds the proposed rate of increase for bulk mailers.

It is counterproductive because it will further erode the Postal Service's income from individuals and businesses who pay "full freight" by using Forever stamps because they will continue to migrate to online services (email, online payment) that are far cheaper than USPS.



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